Employment in Agricultural Sector

2421. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in agricultural sector for the last three years, gender-wise, year-wise, category-wise, caste/community-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the agricultural workers are covered under the minimum wages act;

(c) if so, the details including the minimum wages of the agricultural workers for the last three years, gender-wise, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether there is a national floor level minimum wage for the agricultural workers; and

(e) if so, the details for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) Details about the number of male and female agricultural labourers in different States on the basis of Census conducted in 2001 by the Office of the Registrar General of India is enclosed statement—I. (*see* below)

(b) to (e) Under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both Central and State Governments are the appropriate Governments are the appropriate Government to fix and revise minimum wages in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdiction. Agriculture is a scheduled employment in both Central and State sphere. The Central Government last revised the minimum wages of the agricultural workers vide Gazette Notification S.O. 1085 (E) dated 11.11.1999, ranging between Rs. 67/- and Rs. 101/- per day depending upon the category and area. As regards State Governments, a statement indicating the range of the rates of minimum wages for agricultural workers for the last three years is enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below). Since the Minimum Wages Act does not discriminate between male and female workers, the female workers get the same wages as men. Separate data for men and women are not maintained.

In order to reduce the disparity in the minimum wages across the States, Central Government mooted the concept of national Floor Level Wage in 1996 and fixed it at Rs. 35/- per day based on the recommendations of National Commission on Rural Labour (1991) and subsequent increase in the price level. The Floor level wages was raised to Rs. 40/- in August, 1998, Rs. 45/- in December, 1999 and Rs. 50/- per day w.e.f. 1.9.2002. The Central Government has been urging the State Governments to ensure that in none of the schedule employments, the minimum wage is below the national floor level wage.

Statement-I

Number of agricultural labourers in different States as per the Census of India 2001

Sl.No.	State	Male	Female
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	194,887	53,690
2.	Himachal Pradesh	55,116	37,645
3.	Punjab	1,119,558	379,418
4.	Chandigarh	33	54
5.	Uttaranchal	180,836	67,916
6.	Haryana	712,404	563,739
7.	Delhi	9613	3946
8.	Rajasthan	1,038,287	1,490,938
9.	Uttar Pradesh	8,329,123	5,275,689
10.	Bihar	8,798,532	4,729,352
11.	Sikkim	8,614	8,325
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	10,097	8,472
13.	Nagaland	18,141	15,711
14.	Manipur	53,227	67,764
15.	Mizoram	13,010	14,484
16.	Tripura	163,926	114,408
17.	Meghalaya	90,624	82,351
18.	Assam	849,434	440,468

1	2	3	4
19.	West Bengal	5,081,540	2,269,448
20.	Jharkhand	1,491,828	1,370,111
21.	Orissa	2,580,522	2,420,553
22.	Chattisgarh	1,219,636	1,799,215
23.	Madhya Pradesh	3,485,987	3,894,891
24.	Gujarat	2,404,180	2,583,477
25.	Daman & Diu	321	966
26.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	5,374	9,369
27.	Maharashtra	4,928,793	6,362,152
28.	Andhra Pradesh	6,431,834	7,386,920
29.	Karnataka	2,595,871	3,613,282
30.	Goa	16,211	19,939
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—
32.	Kerala	1,103,317	550,284
33.	Tamil Nadu	4,277,140	4,387,880
34.	Pondicherry	41,990	30,105
35.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3,979	1,113

Statment-II

Details regarding range of the rates of minimum wages of the agricultural unskilled workers from 2000-2002

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2000 (in Rs.) per day	2001 (in Rs.) per day	2002 (in Rs.) per day
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra pradesh	30.00 to 36.50 (According to zones)	52.00 to 55.50 (According to zones)	52.00 to 55.50 (According to zones)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	35.60 to 37.60 (According to Areas)	39.87 to 42.11 (According to Areas)	39.87 to 42.11 (According to Areas)

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Assam	45.00* (without food, shelter and clothing) 38.60 (with food, shelter and clothing	45.00* (without food, shelter and clothing) 38.60 (with food, shelter and clothing	45.00* (wihtout food, shelter and clothing) 39.60 (with food, shelter and clothing
4.	Bihar	37,88*	37.88*	45.18*
5.	Goa	58.00	58.00	58.00
6.	Gujarat	34.00	50.00	50.00
7.	Haryana	74.30*	74.61*	74.61*
8.	Himachal Pradesh	26.00 to 45.75	51.00	51.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	30.00	45.00	45.00
10.	Karnataka	26.00	51.63	51.63
11.	Kerala	30.00* (for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)	30.00* (for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)	30.00* (for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	49.46*	51.80*	51.80*
13.	Maharashtra	39.00 to 41.00 (According to Zones)	45.00	45.00
14.	Manipur	55.00* (for Hill Areas) 52.00 (for other than Hill Areas)	62.15* (for Valley Areas) 65.15 (for Hill Areas)	62.15* (for Valley Areas) 65.15 (for Hill Areas)
15.	Meghalaya	50.00*	50.00*	50.00*
16.	Mizoram	70.00	70.00	84.00
17.	Nagaland	40.00	45.00	45.00
18.	Orissa	42.50*	42.50*	52.50*
19.	Punjab	69.10	72.38* (with meal) 82.08 (without meal)	72.38* (with meal) 82.08 (without meal)
20.	Rajasthan	60.00	60.00	60.00
21.	Sikkim	The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 yet to be examined		

1	2	3	4	5
22.	Tamil Nadu	54.00	54.00	54.00
23.	Tripura	40.00	45.00	45.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	47.00 to 49.00	58.00	58.00
25.	West Bengal	58.90* (with meal) 62.10 (without meal)	58.90* (with meal) 62.10 (without meal)	58.90* (with meal) 62.10 (without meal)
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Andaman Islands	70.00 Andaman 53.00 Nicobar	50.00 Andaman 75.00 Nicobar	70.00 75.00 Nicobar
27.	Chandigarh	71.93	81.65*	81.65*
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	60.00*	60.00*	60.00*
29.	Delhi	93.00*	99.70*	102.60*
30.	Daman & Diu	35.00	Not available	Not available
31.	Laskhadweep	45.00	46.80*	46.80*
32.	Pndicherry			
	(i) Pondicherry Resion	20.00 to 22.00	20.00 to 22.00	45.00 to 100.00
	(ii) Mahe Region	30.00 (for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)	30.00 (for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)	30.00 (for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)
	(iii) Yanam Region	19.25 to 26.25	19.25 to 26.25	19.25 to 26.25
	(iv) Karaikal Region	20.00 to 22.00	20.00 to 22.00	45.00 to 100.00

Note:-*Indicate the provision of variable dearness allowance with the minimum rate of wages.

Employment in organised/unorganised sector

2422. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employed persons, gender-wise in organised and unorganised sectors for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise;